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1. The Communist-controlled Comision Espanola de Paz has been making active preparations for a conference of Spanish Republicans, reportedly to be held in Montevideo on 22-24 August 1952. Within the general purpose of further advancing the Communist Pro-Peace campaign, the principal aim of the conference will be to raise the morale and numbers of the local Pro-Peace workers and supporters. A dominant note of the conference is to be an attack on the United States' "warmongering, oppression, and exploitation" throughout the world, particularly in Spain.¹
2. Conference workers are sending out a total of 15,000 invitations, 500 of which are to go to Spaniards residing in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and possibly other foreign nations. Attendance at several preparatory meetings held at the Communist Casa de Espana headquarters in no instance exceeded 80 persons. This is an indication of the limited interest the conference has aroused among active members of the Uruguayan Communist Party and veteran followers of the Communist line.
3. Spanish Communists highly active in promoting the conference are as follows: Jose Bergamin, Communist propagandist and leader of the local Spanish Pro-Peace movement, who is serving as Secretary; Venancio Lozoya, militant Communist and one-time leader of the Spanish Communists in Uruguay; and Luisa C. Perez.²
4. Among other Spaniards active in the undertaking are: Maria Albacete, nurse; Valerio Alonso, businessman; Amador Basos, landlord; Domingo Baranda Reyes, musician; Mamel Coira, Communist propagandist and businessman; Sergio Cordero, former officer of the Casa de Espana; Luis Criado, militant Communist and laborer; Pedro Diaz, businessman; Martin Font, businessman and former member of the Casa de Espana Board of Directors; Jose Macaira; Domingo Martinez Blanco, industrialist; Rogelio Martinez, as of April 1949 an active Communist; Yolanda Martinez Ferrari; Pablo Ouro; Manuel Rodriguez Corral, businessman; Emilio Sampil, president of the Casa de Espana for

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1950; Maria Luisa Santamarina, concert pianist; Emilio Domingo Sanz, businessman; Jose Seone, militant Communist and businessman; Carmen Vargas; Luis Viadero; and Losefa Villar, reportedly connected with Nosotras, organ of the Union Femenina.

- 25X1 1. Comment. A recently published announcement of the conference calls for the participation of all "patriotic" Spaniards in the "defense" of their native land, and identifies the United States and the Franco Government as the main obstacles to world peace.

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